

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST FOR EHB 1714

Citations Affected: IC 5-13-6-3; IC 6-1.1; IC 6-1.5; IC 6-3.1-23; IC 36-2-9-20; IC 6-3.1-23-7; IC 6-3.1-23-8; IC 6-3.1-23-9; IC 6-3.1-23-10.

Synopsis: Taxation. Conference committee report for EHB 1714. Allows approval of a late filed or an incomplete application for an economic revitalization area (ERA) deduction or an enterprise zone inventory credit. Provides that the next general reassessment of real property is effective in 2009. Permits a county auditor to request the township assessor to review an ERA deduction application, and establishes procedures for appeal to local court of an ERA deduction determination or an enterprise zone inventory credit determination by the county auditor. Requires the department of local government finance (DLFG) to adopt rules to implement ERA deductions. Provides that annual adjustments of the assessed value of real property begin in 2005 instead of 2006. Allows a county assessor to intervene or represent the township assessor in review proceedings before the IBTR if the notice of appearance is filed before the review proceeding. Permits the IBTR to make a final determination based on a stipulation. If the time for the IBTR to issue a final determination expires, allows the petitioner to wait for a determination or file for de novo review in the tax court. Permits the IBTR to adopt rules to establish procedures for the conduct of proceedings before the board. Sets the sales disclosure form filing fee at \$10 for calendar years 2004 and 2005 and specifies distribution of the revenue. Permits a political subdivision to receive an advance distribution from the property tax replacement fund (PTRF). Reinstates as rules personal property assessment rules incorporated by reference into statutes and prohibits amendment or repeal of certain parts of the rules. Directs county auditors to forward sales disclosure form data to the legislative services agency. Adjusts qualifications for certain civil taxing unit excessive levy appeals. Changes the annual deadline for county auditors to provide information to the state, and imposes a penalty for failure to provide the information by the deadline. Provides that the county assessor (instead of the county auditor) is responsible for publishing notice of the annual session of the county property tax assessment board of appeals (PTABOA). Permits the DLGF to provide training through the Indiana chapter of the International Association of Assessing Officers. Makes the voluntary remediation tax credit available to a taxpayer irrespective of whether the taxpayer is participating in the state voluntary remediation program and irrespective of whether the property is located

in a brownfield revitalization zone. Consolidates into a single resolution the determinations required of the legislative body to allow the credit. Provides that the credit does not apply to the extent that the taxpayer uses state financial assistance for the remediation. Allows carryback of a credit to the immediately preceding taxable year. Extends the credit for taxable years through 2005. **(This conference committee report adds the provisions concerning: (1) advance distributions from the PTRF; (2) reinstatement of rules; (3) annual adjustments of real property assessed value; (4) sales disclosure form data; (5) appeals of local enterprise zone inventory credit determinations; (6) excessive levy appeals; (7) the deadline for county auditors to provide information to the state; (8) notice of the annual session of the PTABOA; (9) the effective date of the next general reassessment; (10) the DLGF providing training; and (11) voluntary remediation tax credits. This conference committee report deletes provisions concerning removal of the DLGF and the IBTR from the review process for enterprise zone inventory credits.)**

Effective: July 1, 2003; January 1, 2004.

Adopted

Rejected

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Conference Committee appointed to confer with a like committee from the Senate upon Engrossed Senate Amendments to Engrossed House Bill No. 1714 respectfully reports that said two committees have conferred and agreed as follows to wit:

that the House recede from its dissent from all Senate amendments and that the House now concur in all Senate amendments to the bill and that the bill be further amended as follows:

- 1 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:
- 2 SECTION 1. IC 5-13-6-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 3. (a) All taxes collected by the
- 4 county treasurer shall be deposited as one (1) fund in the several
- 5 depositories selected for the deposit of county funds and, except as
- 6 provided in subsection (b), remain in the depositories until distributed
- 7 at the following semiannual distribution made by the county auditor.
- 8 (b) Every county treasurer who, by virtue of the treasurer's office, is
- 9 the collector of any taxes for any political subdivision wholly or partly
- 10 within the county shall, ~~upon~~ **not later than thirty (30) days after**
- 11 **receipt of** a written request for funds filed with the treasurer by a
- 12 proper officer of any political subdivision within the county, advance
- 13 to that political subdivision a portion of the taxes collected before the
- 14 semiannual distribution. The amount advanced may not exceed the
- 15 lesser of:
- 16 (1) ninety-five percent (95%) of the total amount collected at the
- 17 time of the advance; or
- 18 (2) ninety-five percent (95%) of the amount to be distributed at the
- 19 semiannual distribution.

(c) Every county treasurer shall, not later than thirty (30) days after receipt of a written request for funds filed with the treasurer by a proper officer of any political subdivision within the county, advance to that political subdivision a part of the distributions received under IC 6-1.1-21-10 from the property tax replacement fund for the political subdivision. The amount advanced may not exceed the lesser of:

(1) ninety-five percent (95%) of the amount distributed from the fund to the county treasurer for the political subdivision at the time of the advance; or

(2) ninety-five percent (95%) of the total amount to be distributed by the county treasurer to the political subdivision on the next scheduled distribution date.

The request for funds under subsection (b) must be filed at least thirty (30) days before the county treasurer is required to make the advance.

(d) Upon notice from the county treasurer of the amount to be advanced, the county auditor shall draw a warrant upon the county treasurer for the amount. The amount of the advance must be available immediately for the use of the political subdivision.

~~(d)~~ (e) At the semiannual distribution all the advances made to any political subdivision under subsection (b) **or (c)** shall be deducted from the total amount due any political subdivision as shown by the distribution.

SECTION 2. IC 6-1.1-3-22, AS ADDED BY P.L.192-2002(ss), SECTION 28, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 22. (a) Except to the extent that it conflicts with a statute **and subject to subsection (f)**, 50 IAC 4.2 (as in effect January 1, 2001), **is which was formerly** incorporated by reference into this section, **is reinstated as a rule.**

(b) Tangible personal property within the scope of 50 IAC 4.2 (as in effect January 1, 2001) shall be assessed on the assessment dates in calendar years 2003 and thereafter in conformity with 50 IAC 4.2 (as in effect January 1, 2001).

(c) The publisher of the Indiana Administrative Code ~~may continue to shall~~ publish 50 IAC 4.2 (as in effect January 1, 2001) in the Indiana Administrative Code.

(d) 50 IAC 4.3 and any other rule to the extent that it conflicts with this section is void.

(e) A reference in 50 IAC 4.2 to a governmental entity that has been terminated or a statute that has been repealed or amended shall be treated as a reference to its successor.

(f) The department of local government finance may not amend or repeal the following (all as in effect January 1, 2001):

(1) 50 IAC 4.2-4-3(f).

(2) 50 IAC 4.2-4-7.

(3) 50 IAC 4.2-4-9.

(4) 50 IAC 4.2-5-7.

(5) 50 IAC 4.2-5-13.

(6) 50 IAC 4.2-6-1.

(7) 50 IAC 4.2-6-2.

(8) 50 IAC 4.2-8-9.

SECTION 3. IC 6-1.1-4-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.90-2002, SECTION 30, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 4. (a) A general reassessment, involving a physical inspection of all real property in Indiana, shall begin July 1, 2000, and **be the basis for taxes payable in 2003.**

(b) A general reassessment, involving a physical inspection of all real property in Indiana, shall begin July 1, 2007, and each fourth year thereafter. Each reassessment **under this subsection** shall be completed on or before March 1, of the immediately following ~~even-numbered~~ **odd-numbered** year, and shall be the basis for taxes payable in the year following the year in which the general assessment is to be completed.

~~(b)~~ **(c)** In order to ensure that assessing officials and members of each county property tax assessment board of appeals are prepared for a general reassessment of real property, the department of local government finance shall give adequate advance notice of the general reassessment to the county and township taxing officials of each county.

SECTION 4. IC 6-1.1-4-4.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.198-2001, SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 4.5. (a) The department of local government finance shall adopt rules establishing a system for annually adjusting the assessed value of real property to account for changes in value in those years since a general reassessment of property last took effect.

(b) The system must be applied to adjust assessed values beginning with the ~~2006~~ **2005** assessment date and each year thereafter that is not a year in which a reassessment becomes effective.

(c) The system must have the following characteristics:

(1) Promote uniform and equal assessment of real property within and across classifications.

(2) Apply all objectively verifiable factors used in mass valuation techniques that are reasonably expected to affect the value of real property in Indiana.

(3) Prescribe as many adjustment percentages and whatever categories of percentages the department of local government finance finds necessary to achieve objectively verifiable updated just valuations of real property. An adjustment percentage for a particular classification may be positive or negative.

(4) Prescribe procedures, including computer software programs, that permit the application of the adjustment percentages in an efficient manner by assessing officials.

SECTION 5. IC 6-1.1-4-27.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.151-2002, SECTION 1 and P.L.178-2002, SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 27.5. (a) The auditor of each county shall establish a property reassessment fund. The county treasurer shall deposit all collections resulting from the property taxes that the county is required to levy under this section in the county's property reassessment fund.

~~(b) With respect to the general reassessment of real property which is to commence on July 1, 2004, the county council of each county shall, for property taxes due in the year in which the general~~

reassessment is to commence and the two (2) years immediately preceding that year, levy against all the taxable property of the county an amount equal to one-third (1/3) of the estimated cost of the general reassessment.

(~~e~~) (b) With respect to a general reassessment of real property that is to commence on July 1, ~~2008~~, **2007**, and each fourth year thereafter, the county council of each county shall, for property taxes due in the year that the general reassessment is to commence and the three (3) years preceding that year, levy against all the taxable property in the county an amount equal to one-fourth (1/4) of the estimated cost of the general reassessment.

(~~d~~) (c) The department of local government finance shall give to each county council notice, before January 1 in a year, of the tax levies required by this section for that year.

(~~e~~) (d) The department of local government finance may raise or lower the property tax levy under this section for a year if the department determines it is appropriate because the estimated cost of a general reassessment, including a general reassessment to be completed for the March 1, 2002, assessment date, has changed.

(~~f~~) (e) If the county council determines that there is insufficient money in the county's reassessment fund to pay all expenses (as permitted under sections 28.5 and 32 of this chapter) relating to the general reassessment of real property commencing July 1, 2000, the county may, for the purpose of paying expenses (as permitted under sections 28.5 and 32 of this chapter) relating to the general reassessment commencing July 1, 2000, use money deposited in the fund from the tax levy under this section for 2000 or a later year.

SECTION 6. IC 6-1.1-5.5-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.90-2002, SECTION 52, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 3. (a) Before filing a conveyance document with the county auditor under IC 6-1.1-5-4, all the parties to the conveyance must complete and sign a sales disclosure form as prescribed by the department of local government finance under section 5 of this chapter. All the parties may sign one (1) form, or if all the parties do not agree on the information to be included on the completed form, each party may sign and file a separate form.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), the auditor shall forward each sales disclosure form to the county assessor. The county assessor shall retain the forms for five (5) years. The county assessor shall forward the sales disclosure form data to the department of local government finance **and the legislative services agency**, in electronic format if possible. The county assessor shall forward a copy of the sales disclosure forms to the township assessors in the county. The forms may be used by the county assessing officials, ~~and~~ the department of local government finance, **and the legislative services agency** for the purposes established in IC 6-1.1-4-13.6, sales ratio studies, equalization, and any other authorized purpose.

(c) In a county containing a consolidated city, the auditor shall forward the sales disclosure form to the appropriate township assessor. The township assessor shall forward the sales disclosure form to the department of local government finance **and the legislative services**

1 **agency**, in electronic format if possible. The township assessor shall
 2 forward a copy of the sales disclosure forms to the township assessors
 3 in the county. The forms may be used by the county assessing officials,
 4 **and** the department of local government finance, **and the legislative**
 5 **services agency** for the purposes established in IC 6-1.1-4-13.6, sales
 6 ratio studies, equalization, and any other authorized purpose.

7 SECTION 7. IC 6-1.1-8-44, AS ADDED BY P.L.192-2002(ss),
 8 SECTION 29, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 9 JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 44. (a) Except to the extent that it conflicts with
 10 a statute **and subject to subsection (f)**, 50 IAC 5.1 (as in effect
 11 January 1, 2001), **is which was formerly** incorporated by reference
 12 into this section, **is reinstated as a rule.**

13 (b) Tangible personal property within the scope of 50 IAC 5.1 (as in
 14 effect January 1, 2001) shall be assessed on the assessment dates in
 15 calendar years 2003 and thereafter in conformity with 50 IAC 5.1 (as
 16 in effect January 1, 2001).

17 (c) The publisher of the Indiana Administrative Code ~~may continue~~
 18 **to shall** publish 50 IAC 5.1 (as in effect January 1, 2001) in the Indiana
 19 Administrative Code.

20 (d) 50 IAC 5.2 and any other rule to the extent that it conflicts with
 21 this section is void.

22 (e) A reference in 50 IAC 5.1 to a governmental entity that has been
 23 terminated or a statute that has been repealed or amended shall be
 24 treated as a reference to its successor.

25 **(f) The department of local government finance may not amend**
 26 **or repeal the following (all as in effect January 1, 2001):**

27 **(1) 50 IAC 5.1-6-6.**

28 **(2) 50 IAC 5.1-6-7.**

29 **(3) 50 IAC 5.1-6-8.**

30 **(4) 50 IAC 5.1-6-9.**

31 **(5) 50 IAC 5.1-8-1.**

32 **(6) 50 IAC 5.1-9-1.**

33 **(7) 50 IAC 5.1-9-2.**

34 SECTION 8. IC 6-1.1-12.1-4.5, AS AMENDED BY HEA
 35 1814-2002, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 36 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 4.5. (a) For purposes of this section,
 37 "personal property" means personal property other than inventory (as
 38 defined in IC 6-1.1-3-11(a)).

39 (b) An applicant must provide a statement of benefits to the
 40 designating body. The applicant must provide the completed statement
 41 of benefits form to the designating body before the hearing specified in
 42 section 2.5(c) of this chapter or before the installation of the new
 43 manufacturing equipment or new research and development
 44 equipment, or both, for which the person desires to claim a deduction
 45 under this chapter. The department of local government finance shall
 46 prescribe a form for the statement of benefits. The statement of benefits
 47 must include the following information:

48 (1) A description of the new manufacturing equipment or new
 49 research and development equipment, or both, that the person
 50 proposes to acquire.

51 (2) With respect to:

- 1 (A) new manufacturing equipment not used to dispose of solid
- 2 waste or hazardous waste by converting the solid waste or
- 3 hazardous waste into energy or other useful products; and
- 4 (B) new research and development equipment;
- 5 an estimate of the number of individuals who will be employed or
- 6 whose employment will be retained by the person as a result of the
- 7 installation of the new manufacturing equipment or new research
- 8 and development equipment, or both, and an estimate of the annual
- 9 salaries of these individuals.
- 10 (3) An estimate of the cost of the new manufacturing equipment or
- 11 new research and development equipment, or both.
- 12 (4) With respect to new manufacturing equipment used to dispose
- 13 of solid waste or hazardous waste by converting the solid waste or
- 14 hazardous waste into energy or other useful products, an estimate
- 15 of the amount of solid waste or hazardous waste that will be
- 16 converted into energy or other useful products by the new
- 17 manufacturing equipment.
- 18 The statement of benefits may be incorporated in a designation
- 19 application. Notwithstanding any other law, a statement of benefits is
- 20 a public record that may be inspected and copied under IC 5-14-3-3.
- 21 (c) The designating body must review the statement of benefits
- 22 required under subsection (b). The designating body shall determine
- 23 whether an area should be designated an economic revitalization area
- 24 or whether the deduction shall be allowed, based on (and after it has
- 25 made) the following findings:
- 26 (1) Whether the estimate of the cost of the new manufacturing
- 27 equipment or new research and development equipment, or both,
- 28 is reasonable for equipment of that type.
- 29 (2) With respect to:
- 30 (A) new manufacturing equipment not used to dispose of solid
- 31 waste or hazardous waste by converting the solid waste or
- 32 hazardous waste into energy or other useful products; and
- 33 (B) new research and development equipment;
- 34 whether the estimate of the number of individuals who will be
- 35 employed or whose employment will be retained can be reasonably
- 36 expected to result from the installation of the new manufacturing
- 37 equipment or new research and development equipment, or both.
- 38 (3) Whether the estimate of the annual salaries of those individuals
- 39 who will be employed or whose employment will be retained can
- 40 be reasonably expected to result from the proposed installation of
- 41 new manufacturing equipment or new research and development
- 42 equipment, or both.
- 43 (4) With respect to new manufacturing equipment used to dispose
- 44 of solid waste or hazardous waste by converting the solid waste or
- 45 hazardous waste into energy or other useful products, whether the
- 46 estimate of the amount of solid waste or hazardous waste that will
- 47 be converted into energy or other useful products can be
- 48 reasonably expected to result from the installation of the new
- 49 manufacturing equipment.
- 50 (5) Whether any other benefits about which information was
- 51 requested are benefits that can be reasonably expected to result

from the proposed installation of new manufacturing equipment or new research and development equipment, or both.

(6) Whether the totality of benefits is sufficient to justify the deduction.

The designating body may not designate an area an economic revitalization area or approve the deduction unless it makes the findings required by this subsection in the affirmative.

(d) Except as provided in subsection (h), an owner of new manufacturing equipment or new research and development equipment, or both, whose statement of benefits is approved after June 30, 2000, is entitled to a deduction from the assessed value of that equipment for the number of years determined by the designating body under subsection (g). Except as provided in subsection (f) and in section 2(i)(3) of this chapter, the amount of the deduction that an owner is entitled to for a particular year equals the product of:

(1) the assessed value of the new manufacturing equipment or new research and development equipment, or both, in the year of deduction under the appropriate table set forth in subsection (e); multiplied by

(2) the percentage prescribed in the table set forth in subsection (e).

(e) The percentage to be used in calculating the deduction under subsection (d) is as follows:

(1) For deductions allowed over a one (1) year period:

YEAR OF DEDUCTION	PERCENTAGE
1st	100%
2nd and thereafter	0%

(2) For deductions allowed over a two (2) year period:

YEAR OF DEDUCTION	PERCENTAGE
1st	100%
2nd	50%
3rd and thereafter	0%

(3) For deductions allowed over a three (3) year period:

YEAR OF DEDUCTION	PERCENTAGE
1st	100%
2nd	66%
3rd	33%
4th and thereafter	0%

(4) For deductions allowed over a four (4) year period:

YEAR OF DEDUCTION	PERCENTAGE
1st	100%
2nd	75%
3rd	50%
4th	25%
5th and thereafter	0%

(5) For deductions allowed over a five (5) year period:

YEAR OF DEDUCTION	PERCENTAGE
1st	100%
2nd	80%
3rd	60%
4th	40%

1	5th	20%
2	6th and thereafter	0%
3	(6) For deductions allowed over a six (6) year period:	
4	YEAR OF DEDUCTION	PERCENTAGE
5	1st	100%
6	2nd	85%
7	3rd	66%
8	4th	50%
9	5th	34%
10	6th	25%
11	7th and thereafter	0%
12	(7) For deductions allowed over a seven (7) year period:	
13	YEAR OF DEDUCTION	PERCENTAGE
14	1st	100%
15	2nd	85%
16	3rd	71%
17	4th	57%
18	5th	43%
19	6th	29%
20	7th	14%
21	8th and thereafter	0%
22	(8) For deductions allowed over an eight (8) year period:	
23	YEAR OF DEDUCTION	PERCENTAGE
24	1st	100%
25	2nd	88%
26	3rd	75%
27	4th	63%
28	5th	50%
29	6th	38%
30	7th	25%
31	8th	13%
32	9th and thereafter	0%
33	(9) For deductions allowed over a nine (9) year period:	
34	YEAR OF DEDUCTION	PERCENTAGE
35	1st	100%
36	2nd	88%
37	3rd	77%
38	4th	66%
39	5th	55%
40	6th	44%
41	7th	33%
42	8th	22%
43	9th	11%
44	10th and thereafter	0%
45	(10) For deductions allowed over a ten (10) year period:	
46	YEAR OF DEDUCTION	PERCENTAGE
47	1st	100%
48	2nd	90%
49	3rd	80%
50	4th	70%
51	5th	60%

1	6th	50%
2	7th	40%
3	8th	30%
4	9th	20%
5	10th	10%
6	11th and thereafter	0%

(f) With respect to new manufacturing equipment and new research and development equipment installed before March 2, 2001, the deduction under this section is the amount that causes the net assessed value of the property after the application of the deduction under this section to equal the net assessed value after the application of the deduction under this section that results from computing:

- (1) the deduction under this section as in effect on March 1, 2001; and
- (2) the assessed value of the property under 50 IAC 4.2, as in effect on March 1, 2001, or, in the case of property subject to IC 6-1.1-8, 50 IAC 5.1, as in effect on March 1, 2001.

(g) For an economic revitalization area designated before July 1, 2000, the designating body shall determine whether a property owner whose statement of benefits is approved after April 30, 1991, is entitled to a deduction for five (5) or ten (10) years. For an economic revitalization area designated after June 30, 2000, the designating body shall determine the number of years the deduction is allowed. However, the deduction may not be allowed for more than ten (10) years. This determination shall be made:

- (1) as part of the resolution adopted under section 2.5 of this chapter; or
- (2) by resolution adopted within sixty (60) days after receiving a copy of a property owner's certified deduction application from the ~~department of local government finance~~ **county auditor**. A certified copy of the resolution shall be sent to the county auditor.

A determination about the number of years the deduction is allowed that is made under subdivision (1) is final and may not be changed by following the procedure under subdivision (2).

(h) The owner of new manufacturing equipment that is directly used to dispose of hazardous waste is not entitled to the deduction provided by this section for a particular assessment year if during that assessment year the owner:

- (1) is convicted of a violation under IC 13-7-13-3 (repealed), IC 13-7-13-4 (repealed), or IC 13-30-6; or
- (2) is subject to an order or a consent decree with respect to property located in Indiana based on a violation of a federal or state rule, regulation, or statute governing the treatment, storage, or disposal of hazardous wastes that had a major or moderate potential for harm.

SECTION 9. IC 6-1.1-12.1-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.90-2002, SECTION 122, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 5. (a) A property owner who desires to obtain the deduction provided by section 3 of this chapter must file a certified deduction application, on forms prescribed by the department of local government finance, with the auditor of the county

in which the property is located. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) or (e), the deduction application must be filed before May 10 of the year in which the addition to assessed valuation is made.

(b) If notice of the addition to assessed valuation or new assessment for any year is not given to the property owner before April 10 of that year, the deduction application required by this section may be filed not later than thirty (30) days after the date such a notice is mailed to the property owner at the address shown on the records of the township assessor.

(c) The deduction application required by this section must contain the following information:

(1) The name of the property owner.

(2) A description of the property for which a deduction is claimed in sufficient detail to afford identification.

(3) The assessed value of the improvements before rehabilitation.

(4) The increase in the assessed value of improvements resulting from the rehabilitation.

(5) The assessed value of the new structure in the case of redevelopment.

(6) The amount of the deduction claimed for the first year of the deduction.

(7) If the deduction application is for a deduction in a residentially distressed area, the assessed value of the improvement or new structure for which the deduction is claimed.

(d) A deduction application filed under subsection (a) or (b) is applicable for the year in which the addition to assessed value or assessment of a new structure is made and in the following years the deduction is allowed without any additional deduction application being filed. However, property owners who had an area designated an urban development area pursuant to a deduction application filed prior to January 1, 1979, are only entitled to a deduction for a five (5) year period. In addition, property owners who are entitled to a deduction under this chapter pursuant to a deduction application filed after December 31, 1978, and before January 1, 1986, are entitled to a deduction for a ten (10) year period.

(e) A property owner who desires to obtain the deduction provided by section 3 of this chapter but who has failed to file a deduction application within the dates prescribed in subsection (a) or (b) may file a deduction application between March 1 and May 10 of a subsequent year which shall be applicable for the year filed and the subsequent years without any additional deduction application being filed for the amounts of the deduction which would be applicable to such years pursuant to section 4 of this chapter if such a deduction application had been filed in accordance with subsection (a) or (b).

~~(f) On verification of the correctness of a deduction application by the assessor of the township in which the property is located; Subject to subsection (i),~~ the county auditor shall act as follows:

(1) If a determination about the number of years the deduction is allowed has been made in the resolution adopted under section 2.5 of this chapter, the county auditor shall make the appropriate deduction.

(2) If a determination about the number of years the deduction is allowed has not been made in the resolution adopted under section 2.5 of this chapter, the county auditor shall send a copy of the deduction application to the designating body. Upon receipt of the resolution stating the number of years the deduction will be allowed, the county auditor shall make the appropriate deduction.

(3) If the deduction application is for rehabilitation or redevelopment in a residentially distressed area, the county auditor shall make the appropriate deduction.

(g) The amount and period of the deduction provided for property by section 3 of this chapter are not affected by a change in the ownership of the property if the new owner of the property:

(1) continues to use the property in compliance with any standards established under section 2(g) of this chapter; and

(2) files an application in the manner provided by subsection (e).

(h) The township assessor shall include a notice of the deadlines for filing a deduction application under subsections (a) and (b) with each notice to a property owner of an addition to assessed value or of a new assessment.

(i) Before the county auditor acts under subsection (f), the county auditor may request that the township assessor of the township in which the property is located review the deduction application.

(j) A property owner may appeal the determination of the county auditor under subsection (f) by filing a complaint in the office of the clerk of the circuit or superior court not more than forty-five (45) days after the county auditor gives the person notice of the determination.

SECTION 10. IC 6-1.1-12.1-5.4, AS AMENDED BY SEA 1814-2003, SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 5.4. (a) A person that desires to obtain the deduction provided by section 4.5 of this chapter must file a certified deduction application on forms prescribed by the department of local government finance with the auditor of the county in which the new manufacturing equipment or new research and development equipment, or both, is located. A person that timely files a personal property return under IC 6-1.1-3-7(a) for the year in which the new manufacturing equipment or new research and development equipment, or both, is installed must file the application between March 1 and May 15 of that year. A person that obtains a filing extension under IC 6-1.1-3-7(b) for the year in which the new manufacturing equipment or new research and development equipment, or both, is installed must file the application between March 1 and the extended due date for that year.

(b) The deduction application required by this section must contain the following information:

(1) The name of the owner of the new manufacturing equipment or new research and development equipment, or both.

(2) A description of the new manufacturing equipment or new research and development equipment, or both.

(3) Proof of the date the new manufacturing equipment or new research and development equipment, or both, was installed.

(4) The amount of the deduction claimed for the first year of the deduction.

(c) This subsection applies to a deduction application with respect to new manufacturing equipment or new research and development equipment, or both, for which a statement of benefits was initially approved after April 30, 1991. If a determination about the number of years the deduction is allowed has not been made in the resolution adopted under section 2.5 of this chapter, the county auditor shall send a copy of the deduction application to the designating body, and the designating body shall adopt a resolution under section 4.5(g)(2) of this chapter.

(d) A deduction application must be filed under this section in the year in which the new manufacturing equipment or new research and development equipment, or both, is installed and in each of the immediately succeeding years the deduction is allowed.

~~(e) On verification of the correctness of a deduction application by the assessor of the township in which the property is located;~~ **Subject to subsection (i),** the county auditor shall:

(1) review the deduction application; and

(2) approve, deny, or alter the amount of the deduction.

Upon approval of the deduction application or alteration of the amount of the deduction, the county auditor shall make the deduction. The county auditor shall notify the county property tax assessment board of appeals of all deductions approved under this section.

(f) If the ownership of new manufacturing equipment or new research and development equipment, or both, changes, the deduction provided under section 4.5 of this chapter continues to apply to that equipment if the new owner:

(1) continues to use the equipment in compliance with any standards established under section 2(g) of this chapter; and

(2) files the deduction applications required by this section.

(g) The amount of the deduction is the percentage under section 4.5 of this chapter that would have applied if the ownership of the property had not changed multiplied by the assessed value of the equipment for the year the deduction is claimed by the new owner.

(h) A person may appeal the determination of the county auditor under subsection (e) by filing a complaint in the office of the clerk of the circuit or superior court not more than forty-five (45) days after the county auditor gives the person notice of the determination.

(i) Before the county auditor acts under subsection (e), the county auditor may request that the township assessor in which the property is located review the deduction application.

SECTION 11. IC 6-1.1-12.1-11.3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.4-2000, SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 11.3. (a) This section applies only to the following requirements: ~~under section 3, of this chapter:~~

(1) Failure to provide the completed statement of benefits form to the designating body before the hearing required by section 2.5(c) of this chapter.

(2) Failure to submit the completed statement of benefits form to

the designating body before the initiation of the redevelopment or rehabilitation or the installation of new manufacturing equipment or new research and development equipment, or both, for which the person desires to claim a deduction under this chapter.

(3) Failure to designate an area as an economic revitalization area before the initiation of the:

(A) redevelopment;

(B) installation of new manufacturing equipment or new research and development equipment, or both; or

(C) rehabilitation;

for which the person desires to claim a deduction under this chapter.

(4) Failure to make the required findings of fact before designating an area as an economic revitalization area or authorizing a deduction for new manufacturing equipment or new research and development equipment, or both, under section 2, 3, or 4.5 of this chapter.

(5) Failure to file a:

(A) timely; or

(B) complete;

deduction application under section 5 or 5.4 of this chapter.

(b) This section does not grant a designating body the authority to exempt a person from filing a statement of benefits or exempt a designating body from making findings of fact.

(c) A designating body may by resolution waive noncompliance described under subsection (a) under the terms and conditions specified in the resolution. Before adopting a waiver under this subsection, the designating body shall conduct a public hearing on the waiver.

SECTION 12. IC 6-1.1-12.1-13 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: **Sec. 13. The department of local government finance shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter.**

SECTION 13. IC 6-1.1-15-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.198-2001, SECTION 44, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 4. (a) After receiving a petition for review which is filed under section 3 of this chapter, the Indiana board shall conduct a hearing at its earliest opportunity. ~~In addition,~~ The Indiana board may:

(1) assign:

(A) full;

(B) limited; or

(C) no;

evidentiary value to the assessed valuation of tangible property determined by stipulation submitted as evidence of a comparable sale; and

(2) correct any errors that may have been made, and adjust the assessment in accordance with the correction.

If the Indiana board conducts a site inspection of the property as part of its review of the petition, the Indiana board shall give notice to all parties of the date and time of the site inspection. The Indiana board is

not required to assess the property in question. The Indiana board shall give notice of the date fixed for the hearing, by mail, to the taxpayer and to the appropriate township assessor, county assessor, and county auditor. The Indiana board shall give these notices at least thirty (30) days before the day fixed for the hearing. The property tax assessment board of appeals that made the determination under appeal under this section may, with the approval of the county executive, file an amicus curiae brief in the review proceeding under this section. The expenses incurred by the property tax assessment board of appeals in filing the amicus curiae brief shall be paid from the **property** reassessment fund under ~~IC 6-1.1-4-27~~. **In addition, IC 6-1.1-4-27.5.** The executive of a taxing unit may file an amicus curiae brief in the review proceeding under this section if the property whose assessment is under appeal is subject to assessment by that taxing unit.

(b) If a petition for review does not comply with the Indiana board's instructions for completing the form prescribed under section 3 of this chapter, the Indiana board shall return the petition to the petitioner and include a notice describing the defect in the petition. The petitioner then has thirty (30) days from the date on the notice to cure the defect and file a corrected petition. The Indiana board shall deny a corrected petition for review if it does not substantially comply with the Indiana board's instructions for completing the form prescribed under section 3 of this chapter.

(c) The Indiana board shall prescribe a form for use in processing petitions for review of actions by the county property tax assessment board of appeals. The Indiana board shall issue instructions for completion of the form. The form must require the Indiana board to indicate agreement or disagreement with each item that is:

- (1) indicated on the petition submitted under section 1(e) of this chapter;
- (2) included in the township assessor's response under section 1(g) of this chapter; and
- (3) included in the county property tax assessment board of appeals' findings, record, and determination under section 2.1(d) of this chapter.

The form must also require the Indiana board to indicate the issues in dispute and its reasons in support of its resolution of those issues.

(d) After the hearing the Indiana board shall give the petitioner, the township assessor, the county assessor, and the county auditor:

- (1) notice, by mail, of its final determination;
- (2) a copy of the form completed under subsection (c); and
- (3) notice of the procedures they must follow in order to obtain court review under section 5 of this chapter.

(e) Except as provided in subsection (f), the Indiana board shall conduct a hearing ~~within~~ **not later than** nine (9) months after a petition in proper form is filed with the Indiana board, excluding any time due to a delay reasonably caused by the petitioner.

(f) With respect to an appeal of a real property assessment that takes effect on the assessment date on which a general reassessment of real property takes effect under IC 6-1.1-4-4, the Indiana board shall conduct a hearing ~~within~~ **not later than** one (1) year after a petition in

proper form is filed with the Indiana board, excluding any time due to a delay reasonably caused by the petitioner.

(g) Except as provided in subsection (h), the Indiana board shall make a determination ~~within not later than~~ the later of ninety (90) days after the hearing or the date set in an extension order issued by the Indiana board.

(h) With respect to an appeal of a real property assessment that takes effect on the assessment date on which a general reassessment of real property takes effect under IC 6-1.1-4-4, the Indiana board shall make a determination ~~within not later than~~ the later of one hundred eighty (180) days after the hearing or the date set in an extension order issued by the Indiana board.

(i) **Except as provided in subsection (n),** the Indiana board may not extend the final determination date under subsection (g) or (h) by more than one hundred eighty (180) days. ~~The failure of If~~ the Indiana board **fails** to make a final determination within the time allowed by this subsection, ~~shall be treated as a final determination of the Indiana board to deny entity that initiated the petition may:~~

(1) take no action and wait for the Indiana board to make a final determination; or

(2) petition for judicial review under section 5(g) of this chapter.

(j) A final determination must include separately stated findings of fact for all aspects of the determination. Findings of ultimate fact must be accompanied by a concise statement of the underlying basic facts of record to support the findings. Findings must be based exclusively upon the evidence on the record in the proceeding and on matters officially noticed in the proceeding. Findings must be based upon a preponderance of the evidence.

(k) The Indiana board may limit the scope of the appeal to the issues raised in the petition and the evaluation of the evidence presented to the county property tax assessment board of appeals in support of those issues only if all persons participating in the hearing required under subsection (a) agree to the limitation. A person participating in the hearing required under subsection (a) is entitled to introduce evidence that is otherwise proper and admissible without regard to whether that evidence has previously been introduced at a hearing before the county property tax assessment board of appeals.

(l) The Indiana board:

(1) may require the parties to the appeal to file not more than five (5) business days before the date of the hearing required under subsection (a) documentary evidence or summaries of statements of testimonial evidence; and

(2) may require the parties to the appeal to file not more than fifteen (15) business days before the date of the hearing required under subsection (a) lists of witnesses and exhibits to be introduced at the hearing.

(m) A party to a proceeding before the Indiana board shall provide to another party to the proceeding the information described in subsection (l) if the other party requests the information in writing at least ten (10) days before the deadline for filing of the information

under subsection (l).

(n) The county assessor may:

(1) appear as an additional party if the notice of appearance is filed before the review proceeding; or

(2) with the approval of the township assessor, represent the township assessor;

in a review proceeding under this section.

(o) The Indiana board may base its final determination on a stipulation between the respondent and the petitioner. If the final determination is based on a stipulated assessed valuation of tangible property, the Indiana board may order the placement of a notation on the permanent assessment record of the tangible property that the assessed valuation was determined by stipulation.

The Indiana board may:

(1) order that a final determination under this subsection has no precedential value; or

(2) specify a limited precedential value of a final determination under this subsection.

SECTION 14. IC 6-1.1-15-5, AS AMENDED BY HEA 1814-2003, SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 5. (a) ~~Within~~ **Not later than** fifteen (15) days after the Indiana board gives notice of its final determination under section 4 of this chapter to the party or the maximum allowable time for the issuance of a final determination by the Indiana board under section 4 of this chapter expires, a party to the proceeding may request a rehearing before the Indiana board. The Indiana board may conduct a rehearing and affirm or modify its final determination, giving the same notices after the rehearing as are required by section 4 of this chapter. The Indiana board has fifteen (15) days after receiving a petition for a rehearing to determine whether to grant a rehearing. Failure to grant a rehearing ~~within~~ **not later than** fifteen (15) days after receiving the petition shall be treated as a final determination to deny the petition. A petition for a rehearing does not toll the time in which to file a petition for judicial review unless the petition for rehearing is granted. If the Indiana board determines to rehear a final determination, the Indiana board:

(1) may conduct the additional hearings that the Indiana board determines necessary or review the written record without additional hearings; and

(2) shall issue a final determination ~~within~~ not later than ninety (90) days after notifying the parties that the Indiana board will rehear the final determination.

~~Failure~~ If of the Indiana board ~~fails~~ to make a final determination within the time allowed under subdivision (2), ~~shall be treated as a final determination affirming the original decision of the Indiana board.~~ entity that initiated the petition for rehearing may take no action and wait for the Indiana board to make a final determination or petition for judicial review under subsection (g).

(b) A person may petition for judicial review of the final determination of the Indiana board regarding the assessment of that person's tangible property. The action shall be taken to the tax court

under IC 4-21.5-5. Petitions for judicial review may be consolidated at the request of the appellants if it can be done in the interest of justice. The property tax assessment board of appeals that made the determination under appeal under this section may, with the approval of the county executive, file an amicus curiae brief in the review proceeding under this section. The expenses incurred by the property tax assessment board of appeals in filing the amicus curiae brief shall be paid from the **property** reassessment fund under IC 6-1.1-4-27.5. In addition, the executive of a taxing unit may file an amicus curiae brief in the review proceeding under this section if the property whose assessment is under appeal is subject to assessment by that taxing unit. The department of local government finance may intervene in an action taken under this subsection if the interpretation of a rule of the department is at issue in the action. A township assessor, county assessor, member of a county property tax assessment board of appeals, or county property tax assessment board of appeals that made the original assessment determination under appeal under this section is a party to the review under this section to defend the determination.

(c) **Except as provided in subsection (g),** to initiate a proceeding for judicial review under this section, a person must take the action required by subsection (b) ~~within:~~ **not later than:**

(1) forty-five (45) days after the Indiana board gives the person notice of its final determination, unless a rehearing is conducted under subsection (a); or

(2) thirty (30) days after the Indiana board gives the person notice under subsection (a) of its final determination, if a rehearing is conducted under subsection (a) or the maximum time elapses for the Indiana board to make a determination under this section.

(d) The failure of the Indiana board to conduct a hearing within the period prescribed in section 4(f) or 4(g) of this chapter does not constitute notice to the person of an Indiana board final determination.

(e) The county executive may petition for judicial review to the tax court in the manner prescribed in this section upon request by the county assessor or elected township assessor.

(f) If the county executive determines upon a request under this subsection to not appeal to the tax court:

(1) the entity described in subsection (b) that made the original determination under appeal under this section may take an appeal to the tax court in the manner prescribed in this section using funds from that entity's budget; and

(2) the petitioner may not be represented by the attorney general in an action described in subdivision (1).

(g) If the maximum time elapses for the Indiana board to give notice of its final determination under subsection (a) or section 4 of this chapter, a person may initiate a proceeding for judicial review by taking the action required by subsection (b) at any time after the maximum time elapses. If:

(1) a judicial proceeding is initiated under this subsection; and

(2) the Indiana board has not issued a determination;

the tax court shall determine the matter de novo.

SECTION 15. IC 6-1.1-15-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.198-2001,

SECTION 46, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 6. (a) **Except with respect to a petition filed under section 5(g) of this chapter**, if a petition for judicial review is initiated by a person under section 5 of this chapter, the Indiana board shall prepare a certified record of the proceedings related to the petition.

(b) The record for judicial review **required under subsection (a)** must include the following documents and items:

(1) Copies of all papers submitted to the Indiana board during the course of the action and copies of all papers provided to the parties by the Indiana board. For purposes of this subdivision, the term "papers" includes, without limitation, all notices, petitions, motions, pleadings, orders, orders on rehearing, briefs, requests, intermediate rulings, photographs, and other written documents.

(2) Evidence received or considered by the Indiana board.

(3) A statement of whether a site inspection was conducted, and, if a site inspection was conducted, either:

(A) a summary report of the site inspection; or

(B) a videotape transcript of the site inspection.

(4) A statement of matters officially noticed.

(5) Proffers of proof and objections and rulings on them.

(6) Copies of proposed findings, requested orders, and exceptions.

(7) Either:

(A) a transcription of the audio tape of the hearing; or

(B) a transcript of the hearing prepared by a court reporter.

Copies of exhibits that, because of their nature, cannot be incorporated into the certified record must be kept by the Indiana board until the appeal is finally terminated. However, this evidence must be briefly named and identified in the transcript of the evidence and proceedings.

(c) **Except with respect to a petition filed under section 5(g) of this chapter**, if the tax court judge finds that:

(1) a report of all or a part of the evidence or proceedings at a hearing conducted by the Indiana board was not made; or

(2) a transcript is unavailable;

a party to the appeal initiated under section 5 of this chapter may, at the discretion of the tax court judge, prepare a statement of the evidence or proceedings. The statement must be submitted to the tax court and also must be served on all other parties. A party to the proceeding may serve objections or prepare amendments to the statement not later than ten (10) days after service.

SECTION 16. IC 6-1.1-18.5-13, AS AMENDED BY HEA 1814-2003, SECTION 18, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 13. With respect to an appeal filed under section 12 of this chapter, the local government tax control board may recommend that a civil taxing unit receive any one (1) or more of the following types of relief:

(1) Permission to the civil taxing unit to reallocate the amount set aside as a property tax replacement credit as required by IC 6-3.5-1.1 for a purpose other than property tax relief. However, whenever this occurs, the local government tax control board shall also state the amount to be reallocated.

(2) Permission to the civil taxing unit to increase its levy in excess of the limitations established under section 3 of this chapter, if in the judgment of the local government tax control board the increase is reasonably necessary due to increased costs of the civil taxing unit resulting from annexation, consolidation, or other extensions of governmental services by the civil taxing unit to additional geographic areas or persons.

(3) Permission to the civil taxing unit to increase its levy in excess of the limitations established under section 3 of this chapter, if the local government tax control board finds that the civil taxing unit needs the increase to meet the civil taxing unit's share of the costs of operating a court established by statute enacted after December 31, 1973. Before recommending such an increase, the local government tax control board shall consider all other revenues available to the civil taxing unit that could be applied for that purpose. The maximum aggregate levy increases that the local government tax control board may recommend for a particular court equals the civil taxing unit's share of the costs of operating a court for the first full calendar year in which it is in existence.

(4) Permission to the civil taxing unit to increase its levy in excess of the limitations established under section 3 of this chapter, if the local government tax control board finds that the quotient determined under STEP SIX of the following formula is equal to or greater than one and three-hundredths (1.03):

STEP ONE: Determine the three (3) calendar years that most immediately precede the ensuing calendar year and in which a statewide general reassessment of real property does not first become effective.

STEP TWO: Compute separately, for each of the calendar years determined in STEP ONE, the quotient (rounded to the nearest ten-thousandth (0.0001)) of the **sum of the** civil taxing unit's total assessed value of all taxable property **and the total assessed value of property tax deductions in the unit under IC 6-1.1-12-41 or IC 6-1.1-12-42** in the particular calendar year, divided by the **sum of the** civil taxing unit's total assessed value of all taxable property **and the total assessed value of property tax deductions in the unit under IC 6-1.1-12-41 or IC 6-1.1-12-42** in the calendar year immediately preceding the particular calendar year.

STEP THREE: Divide the sum of the three (3) quotients computed in STEP TWO by three (3).

STEP FOUR: Compute separately, for each of the calendar years determined in STEP ONE, the quotient (rounded to the nearest ten-thousandth (0.0001)) of the **sum of the** total assessed value of all taxable property in ~~the state~~ **all counties and the total assessed value of property tax deductions in all counties under IC 6-1.1-12-41 or IC 6-1.1-12-42** in the particular calendar year, divided by the **sum of the** total assessed value of all taxable property in ~~the state~~ **all counties and the total assessed value of property tax deductions in all counties under IC 6-1.1-12-41 or IC 6-1.1-12-42** in the calendar year

1 immediately preceding the particular calendar year.

2 STEP FIVE: Divide the sum of the three (3) quotients computed
3 in STEP FOUR by three (3).

4 STEP SIX: Divide the STEP THREE amount by the STEP FIVE
5 amount.

6 In addition, before the local government tax control board may
7 recommend the relief allowed under this subdivision, the civil
8 taxing unit must show a need for the increased levy because of
9 special circumstances, and the local government tax control board
10 must consider other sources of revenue and other means of relief.
11 **The civil taxing unit may increase its levy by a percentage not**
12 **greater than the percentage by which the STEP THREE**
13 **amount exceeds the percentage by which the civil taxing unit**
14 **may increase its levy under section 3 of this chapter based on**
15 **the assessed value growth quotient determined under section**
16 **2 of this chapter.**

17 (5) Permission to the civil taxing unit to increase its levy in excess
18 of the limitations established under section 3 of this chapter, if the
19 local government tax control board finds that the civil taxing unit
20 needs the increase to pay the costs of furnishing fire protection for
21 the civil taxing unit through a volunteer fire department. For
22 purposes of determining a township's need for an increased levy,
23 the local government tax control board shall not consider the
24 amount of money borrowed under IC 36-6-6-14 during the
25 immediately preceding calendar year. However, any increase in the
26 amount of the civil taxing unit's levy recommended by the local
27 government tax control board under this subdivision for the
28 ensuing calendar year may not exceed the lesser of:

29 (A) ten thousand dollars (\$10,000); or

30 (B) twenty percent (20%) of:

31 (i) the amount authorized for operating expenses of a volunteer
32 fire department in the budget of the civil taxing unit for the
33 immediately preceding calendar year; plus

34 (ii) the amount of any additional appropriations authorized
35 during that calendar year for the civil taxing unit's use in
36 paying operating expenses of a volunteer fire department
37 under this chapter; minus

38 (iii) the amount of money borrowed under IC 36-6-6-14 during
39 that calendar year for the civil taxing unit's use in paying
40 operating expenses of a volunteer fire department.

41 (6) Permission to a civil taxing unit to increase its levy in excess
42 of the limitations established under section 3 of this chapter in
43 order to raise revenues for pension payments and contributions the
44 civil taxing unit is required to make under IC 36-8. The maximum
45 increase in a civil taxing unit's levy that may be recommended
46 under this subdivision for an ensuing calendar year equals the
47 amount, if any, by which the pension payments and contributions
48 the civil taxing unit is required to make under IC 36-8 during the
49 ensuing calendar year exceeds the product of one and one-tenth
50 (1.1) multiplied by the pension payments and contributions made
51 by the civil taxing unit under IC 36-8 during the calendar year that

immediately precedes the ensuing calendar year. For purposes of this subdivision, "pension payments and contributions made by a civil taxing unit" does not include that part of the payments or contributions that are funded by distributions made to a civil taxing unit by the state.

(7) Permission to increase its levy in excess of the limitations established under section 3 of this chapter if the local government tax control board finds that:

(A) the township's poor relief ad valorem property tax rate is less than one and sixty-seven hundredths cents (\$0.0167) per one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation; and

(B) the township needs the increase to meet the costs of providing poor relief under IC 12-20 and IC 12-30-4.

The maximum increase that the board may recommend for a township is the levy that would result from an increase in the township's poor relief ad valorem property tax rate of one and sixty-seven hundredths cents (\$0.0167) per one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation minus the township's ad valorem property tax rate per one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation before the increase.

(8) Permission to a civil taxing unit to increase its levy in excess of the limitations established under section 3 of this chapter if:

(A) the increase has been approved by the legislative body of the municipality with the largest population where the civil taxing unit provides public transportation services; and

(B) the local government tax control board finds that the civil taxing unit needs the increase to provide adequate public transportation services.

The local government tax control board shall consider tax rates and levies in civil taxing units of comparable population, and the effect (if any) of a loss of federal or other funds to the civil taxing unit that might have been used for public transportation purposes. However, the increase that the board may recommend under this subdivision for a civil taxing unit may not exceed the revenue that would be raised by the civil taxing unit based on a property tax rate of one cent (\$0.01) per one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation.

(9) Permission to a civil taxing unit to increase the unit's levy in excess of the limitations established under section 3 of this chapter if the local government tax control board finds that:

(A) the civil taxing unit is:

(i) a county having a population of more than one hundred forty-eight thousand (148,000) but less than one hundred seventy thousand (170,000);

(ii) a city having a population of more than fifty-five thousand (55,000) but less than fifty-nine thousand (59,000);

(iii) a city having a population of more than twenty-eight thousand seven hundred (28,700) but less than twenty-nine thousand (29,000);

(iv) a city having a population of more than fifteen thousand four hundred (15,400) but less than sixteen thousand six

1 hundred (16,600); or
 2 (v) a city having a population of more than seven thousand
 3 (7,000) but less than seven thousand three hundred (7,300);
 4 and
 5 (B) the increase is necessary to provide funding to undertake
 6 removal (as defined in IC 13-11-2-187) and remedial action (as
 7 defined in IC 13-11-2-185) relating to hazardous substances (as
 8 defined in IC 13-11-2-98) in solid waste disposal facilities or
 9 industrial sites in the civil taxing unit that have become a
 10 menace to the public health and welfare.
 11 The maximum increase that the local government tax control board
 12 may recommend for such a civil taxing unit is the levy that would
 13 result from a property tax rate of six and sixty-seven hundredths
 14 cents (\$0.0667) for each one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed
 15 valuation. For purposes of computing the ad valorem property tax
 16 levy limit imposed on a civil taxing unit under section 3 of this
 17 chapter, the civil taxing unit's ad valorem property tax levy for a
 18 particular year does not include that part of the levy imposed under
 19 this subdivision. In addition, a property tax increase permitted
 20 under this subdivision may be imposed for only two (2) calendar
 21 years.
 22 (10) Permission for a county having a population of more than
 23 eighty thousand (80,000) but less than ninety thousand (90,000) to
 24 increase the county's levy in excess of the limitations established
 25 under section 3 of this chapter, if the local government tax control
 26 board finds that the county needs the increase to meet the county's
 27 share of the costs of operating a jail or juvenile detention center,
 28 including expansion of the facility, if the jail or juvenile detention
 29 center is opened after December 31, 1991. Before recommending
 30 an increase, the local government tax control board shall consider
 31 all other revenues available to the county that could be applied for
 32 that purpose. An appeal for operating funds for a jail or juvenile
 33 detention center shall be considered individually, if a jail and
 34 juvenile detention center are both opened in one (1) county. The
 35 maximum aggregate levy increases that the local government tax
 36 control board may recommend for a county equals the county's
 37 share of the costs of operating the jail or juvenile detention center
 38 for the first full calendar year in which the jail or juvenile detention
 39 center is in operation.
 40 (11) Permission for a township to increase its levy in excess of the
 41 limitations established under section 3 of this chapter, if the local
 42 government tax control board finds that the township needs the
 43 increase so that the property tax rate to pay the costs of furnishing
 44 fire protection for a township, or a portion of a township, enables
 45 the township to pay a fair and reasonable amount under a contract
 46 with the municipality that is furnishing the fire protection.
 47 However, for the first time an appeal is granted the resulting rate
 48 increase may not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the difference
 49 between the rate imposed for fire protection within the
 50 municipality that is providing the fire protection to the township
 51 and the township's rate. A township is required to appeal a second

time for an increase under this subdivision if the township wants to further increase its rate. However, a township's rate may be increased to equal but may not exceed the rate that is used by the municipality. More than one (1) township served by the same municipality may use this appeal.

(12) Permission for a township to increase its levy in excess of the limitations established under section 3 of this chapter, if the local government tax control board finds that the township has been required, for the three (3) consecutive years preceding the year for which the appeal under this subdivision is to become effective, to borrow funds under IC 36-6-6-14 to furnish fire protection for the township or a part of the township. However, the maximum increase in a township's levy that may be allowed under this subdivision is the least of the amounts borrowed under IC 36-6-6-14 during the preceding three (3) calendar years. A township may elect to phase in an approved increase in its levy under this subdivision over a period not to exceed three (3) years. A particular township may appeal to increase its levy under this section not more frequently than every fourth calendar year.

(13) Permission to a city having a population of more than twenty-nine thousand (29,000) but less than thirty-one thousand (31,000) to increase its levy in excess of the limitations established under section 3 of this chapter if:

(A) an appeal was granted to the city under subdivision (1) in 1998, 1999, and 2000; and

(B) the increase has been approved by the legislative body of the city, and the legislative body of the city has by resolution determined that the increase is necessary to pay normal operating expenses.

The maximum amount of the increase is equal to the amount of property tax replacement credits under IC 6-3.5-1.1 that the city petitioned to have reallocated in 2001 under subdivision (1) for a purpose other than property tax relief.

SECTION 17. IC 6-1.1-20.8-3, AS AMENDED BY HEA 1814-2003, SECTION 24, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 3. **(a)** The county auditor shall determine the eligibility of each applicant under this chapter and shall notify the applicant of the determination before August 15 of the year in which the application is made.

(b) A person may appeal the determination of the county auditor under subsection (a) by filing a complaint in the office of the clerk of the circuit or superior court not more than forty-five (45) days after the county auditor gives the person notice of the determination.

SECTION 18. IC 6-1.1-20.8-4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 4. **An urban enterprise association created under IC 4-4-6.1-4 may by resolution waive failure to file a:**

(1) timely; or

(2) complete;

credit application under section 2.5 of this chapter. Before adopting a waiver under this subsection, the urban enterprise association shall conduct a public hearing on the waiver.

SECTION 19. IC 6-1.1-21-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.192-2002(ss), SECTION 41, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 4. (a) Each year the department shall allocate from the property tax replacement fund an amount equal to the sum of:

(1) each county's total eligible property tax replacement amount for that year; plus

(2) the total amount of homestead tax credits that are provided under IC 6-1.1-20.9 and allowed by each county for that year; plus

(3) an amount for each county that has one (1) or more taxing districts that contain all or part of an economic development district that meets the requirements of section 5.5 of this chapter. This amount is the sum of the amounts determined under the following STEPS for all taxing districts in the county that contain all or part of an economic development district:

STEP ONE: Determine that part of the sum of the amounts under section 2(g)(1)(A) and 2(g)(2) of this chapter that is attributable to the taxing district.

STEP TWO: Divide:

(A) that part of the subdivision (1) amount that is attributable to the taxing district; by

(B) the STEP ONE sum.

STEP THREE: Multiply:

(A) the STEP TWO quotient; times

(B) the taxes levied in the taxing district that are allocated to a special fund under IC 6-1.1-39-5.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (e), between March 1 and August 31 of each year, the department shall distribute to each county treasurer from the property tax replacement fund one-half (1/2) of the estimated distribution for that year for the county. Between September 1 and December 15 of that year, the department shall distribute to each county treasurer from the property tax replacement fund the remaining one-half (1/2) of each estimated distribution for that year. The amount of the distribution for each of these periods shall be according to a schedule determined by the property tax replacement fund board under section 10 of this chapter. The estimated distribution for each county may be adjusted from time to time by the department to reflect any changes in the total county tax levy upon which the estimated distribution is based.

(c) On or before December 31 of each year or as soon thereafter as possible, the department shall make a final determination of the amount which should be distributed from the property tax replacement fund to each county for that calendar year. This determination shall be known as the final determination of distribution. The department shall distribute to the county treasurer or receive back from the county treasurer any deficit or excess, as the case may be, between the sum of the distributions made for that calendar year based on the estimated distribution and the final determination of distribution. The final determination of distribution shall be based on the auditor's abstract

1 filed with the auditor of state, adjusted for postabstract adjustments
 2 included in the December settlement sheet for the year, and such
 3 additional information as the department may require.

4 (d) All distributions provided for in this section shall be made on
 5 warrants issued by the auditor of state drawn on the treasurer of state.
 6 If the amounts allocated by the department from the property tax
 7 replacement fund exceed in the aggregate the balance of money in the
 8 fund, then the amount of the deficiency shall be transferred from the
 9 state general fund to the property tax replacement fund, and the auditor
 10 of state shall issue a warrant to the treasurer of state ordering the
 11 payment of that amount. However, any amount transferred under this
 12 section from the general fund to the property tax replacement fund
 13 shall, as soon as funds are available in the property tax replacement
 14 fund, be retransferred from the property tax replacement fund to the
 15 state general fund, and the auditor of state shall issue a warrant to the
 16 treasurer of state ordering the replacement of that amount.

17 (e) Except as provided in subsection (i), the department shall not
 18 distribute under subsection (b) and section 10 of this chapter the money
 19 attributable to the county's property reassessment fund if:

20 (1) by the date the distribution is scheduled to be made, the county
 21 auditor has not sent a certified statement required to be sent by that
 22 date under IC 6-1.1-17-1 to the department of local government
 23 finance; or

24 (2) **by the deadline under IC 36-2-9-20, the county auditor has**
 25 **not transmitted data as required under that section.**

26 (f) Except as provided in subsection (i), if the elected township
 27 assessors in the county, the elected township assessors and the county
 28 assessor, or the county assessor has not transmitted to the department
 29 of local government finance by October 1 of the year in which the
 30 distribution is scheduled to be made the data for all townships in the
 31 county required to be transmitted under IC 6-1.1-4-25(b), the state
 32 board or the department shall not distribute under subsection (b) and
 33 section 10 of this chapter a part of the money attributable to the
 34 county's property reassessment fund. The portion not distributed is the
 35 amount that bears the same proportion to the total potential distribution
 36 as the number of townships in the county for which data was not
 37 transmitted by ~~August 1~~ **October 1** as described in this section bears
 38 to the total number of townships in the county.

39 (g) Money not distributed under subsection (e) shall be distributed to
 40 the county when the county auditor sends to the department of local
 41 government finance the certified statement required to be sent under
 42 IC 6-1.1-17-1 with respect to which the failure to send resulted in the
 43 withholding of the distribution under subsection (e).

44 (h) Money not distributed under subsection (f) shall be distributed to
 45 the county when the elected township assessors in the county, the
 46 elected township assessors and the county assessor, or the county
 47 assessor transmits to the department of local government finance the
 48 data required to be transmitted under IC 6-1.1-4-25(b) with respect to
 49 which the failure to transmit resulted in the withholding of the
 50 distribution under subsection (f).

51 (i) The restrictions on distributions under subsections (e) and (f) do

not apply if the department of local government finance determines that:

- (1) the failure of a county auditor to send a certified statement as described in subsection (e); or
- (2) the failure of an official to transmit data as described in subsection (f);

is justified by unusual circumstances.

SECTION 20. IC 6-1.1-28-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2001, SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 6. The county ~~auditor~~ **assessor** shall give notice of the time, place, and purpose of each annual session of the county property tax assessment board. The county ~~auditor~~ **assessor** shall give the notice two (2) weeks before the first meeting of the board by:

- (1) publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation which are published in the county and which represent different political parties; or
- (2) publication in one (1) newspaper of general circulation published in the county if the requirements of clause (1) of this section cannot be satisfied; or
- (3) posting in three (3) public places in each township of the county if a newspaper of general circulation is not published in the county.

SECTION 21. IC 6-1.5-1-4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 4. "Small claim" means an appeal:

(1) under IC 6-1.5-4-1 of a determination of assessed valuation of tangible property by:

(A) an assessing official; or

(B) the county property tax assessment board of appeals;

that does not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000); or

(2) under IC 6-1.5-5-1 of a final determination of assessed valuation of tangible property under:

(A) IC 6-1.1-8; or

(B) IC 6-1.1-16;

by the department of local government finance that does not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000).

SECTION 22. IC 6-1.5-5-1, AS AMENDED BY HEA 1814-2003, SECTION 32, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 1. (a) The Indiana board shall conduct impartial review of all appeals of final determinations of the department of local government finance made under the following:

- (1) IC 6-1.1-8.
- (2) IC 6-1.1-14-11.
- (3) IC 6-1.1-16.
- (4) IC 6-1.1-26-2.

(b) Each notice of final determination issued by the department of local government finance under a statute listed in subsection (a) must give the taxpayer notice of:

- (1) the opportunity for review under this section; and
- (2) the procedures the taxpayer must follow in order to obtain review under this section.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (e), in order to obtain a review by the Indiana board under this section, the taxpayer must file a petition for review with the appropriate county assessor ~~within not later than~~ forty-five (45) days after the notice of the department of local government finance's action is given to the taxpayer.

(d) The county assessor shall transmit a petition for review under subsection (c) to the Indiana board ~~within not later than~~ ten (10) days after ~~it the petition~~ is filed.

(e) In order to obtain a review by the Indiana board of an appeal of a final determination of the department of local government finance under IC 6-1.1-8-30, the public utility company must follow the procedures in IC 6-1.1-8-30.

~~(f) In order to obtain a review by the Indiana board of an appeal of a final determination of the department of local government finance under IC 6-1.1-12.1-5.4(h), the person must follow the procedures in IC 6-1.1-12.1-5.4(h).~~

SECTION 23. IC 6-1.5-5-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.198-2001, SECTION 95, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 2. (a) After receiving a petition for review that is filed under a statute listed in section 1(a) of this chapter, the Indiana board shall, at its earliest opportunity:

(1) conduct a hearing; or

(2) cause a hearing to be conducted by an administrative law judge.

The Indiana board may determine to conduct the hearing under subdivision (1) on its own motion or on request of a party to the appeal.

(b) In its resolution of a petition, the Indiana board may:

(1) assign:

(A) full;

(B) limited; or

(C) no;

evidentiary value to the assessed valuation of tangible property determined by stipulation submitted as evidence of a comparable sale; and

(2) correct any errors that may have been made, and adjust the assessment in accordance with the correction.

(c) The Indiana board shall give notice of the date fixed for the hearing, by mail, to:

(1) the taxpayer;

(2) the department of local government finance; and

(3) the appropriate:

(A) township assessor;

(B) county assessor; and

(C) county auditor.

(d) The Indiana board shall give the notices required under subsection (c) at least thirty (30) days before the day fixed for the hearing.

SECTION 24. IC 6-1.5-5-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.198-2001, SECTION 95, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 4. (a) An administrative law judge who conducts a hearing shall submit a written report of findings of fact and conclusions of law to the Indiana board.

(b) After reviewing the report of the administrative law judge, the Indiana board may take additional evidence or hold additional hearings.

(c) **The Indiana board may base its final determination on a stipulation between the respondent and the petitioner. If the final determination is based on a stipulated assessed valuation of tangible property, the Indiana board may order the placement of a notation on the permanent assessment record of the tangible property that the assessed valuation was determined by stipulation. The Indiana board may:**

(1) order that a final determination under this subsection has no precedential value; or

(2) specify a limited precedential value of a final determination under this subsection.

(d) **If the Indiana board does not issue its final determination under subsection (c), the Indiana board shall base its final determination on:**

(1) the:

(A) report of the administrative law judge; or

(B) evidence received at a hearing conducted by the Indiana board;

(2) any additional evidence taken by the Indiana board; and

(3) any records that the Indiana board considers relevant.

SECTION 25. IC 6-1.5-6-2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: **Sec. 2. (a) The Indiana board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2, including emergency rules under IC 4-22-2-37.1, to establish procedures for the conduct of proceedings before the Indiana board under this article, including procedures for:**

(1) prehearing conferences;

(2) hearings;

(3) allowing the Indiana board, upon agreement of all parties to the proceeding, to determine that a petition does not require a hearing because it presents substantially the same issue that was decided in a prior Indiana board determination;

(4) voluntary arbitration;

(5) voluntary mediation;

(6) submission of an agreed record;

(7) upon agreement of all parties to the proceedings, joinder of petitions concerning the same or similar issues; and

(8) small claims.

(b) **Rules under subsection (a)(8):**

(1) may include rules that:

(A) prohibit discovery;

(B) restrict the length of a hearing; and

(C) establish when a hearing is not required; and

(2) must include rules that:

(A) permit a party to a proceeding subject to the Indiana board's procedures for small claims to elect that those procedures do not apply to the proceeding; and

(B) permit an agreement among all parties to a proceeding not subject to the Indiana board's procedures for small

1 **claims that those procedures apply to the proceeding.**

2 SECTION 26. IC 6-3.1-23-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
3 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
4 [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2004]: **Sec. 1.5. As used in this chapter,**
5 **"legislative body" refers to:**

- 6 **(1) the legislative body of a municipality (as defined in**
7 **IC 36-1-2-11) in which is located property on which**
8 **remediation referred to in section 3(1) of this chapter occurs;**
9 **or**
10 **(2) if the property referred to in subdivision (1) is not located**
11 **in a municipality, the legislative body of the county in which**
12 **the property is located.**

13 SECTION 27. IC 6-3.1-23-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.109-2001,
14 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
15 JANUARY 1, 2004]: **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "qualified**
16 **investment" means costs that:**

- 17 **(1) are incurred result from work performed in Indiana to**
18 **conduct a voluntary remediation, whether or not under**
19 **IC 13-25-5, that involves the remediation of a brownfield;**
20 **(2) may are not be recovered by a taxpayer from another person**
21 **after the taxpayer has made a good faith effort to recover the costs;**
22 **and**
23 **(3) are not paid from state financial assistance;**
24 **(4) result in taxable income to any other Indiana taxpayer; and**
25 **(5) are approved by the department of environmental management**
26 **and the Indiana development finance authority under section 12 of**
27 **this chapter.**

28 SECTION 28. IC 6-3.1-23-3.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
29 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
30 [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2004]: **Sec. 3.5. As used in this chapter,**
31 **"state financial assistance" means money received by a taxpayer:**

- 32 **(1) as a direct loan:**
33 **(A) under a state program; or**
34 **(B) of:**
35 **(i) loan proceeds; or**
36 **(ii) grant proceeds;**
37 **received by a political subdivision under a state program; or**
38 **(2) as a grant:**
39 **(A) under a state program; or**
40 **(B) of:**
41 **(i) loan proceeds; or**
42 **(ii) grant proceeds;**
43 **received by a political subdivision under a state program.**

44 SECTION 29. IC 6-3.1-23-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.109-2001,
45 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
46 JANUARY 1, 2004]: **Sec. 5. (a) A taxpayer is entitled to a credit equal**
47 **to the amount determined under section 6 of this chapter against the**
48 **taxpayer's state tax liability for a taxable year if the following**
49 **requirements are satisfied:**

- 50 **(1) The taxpayer does the following:**
51 **(A) Makes a qualified investment in that taxable year.**

(B) Makes a good faith attempt to recover the costs of the environmental damages from the liable parties.

(C) Submits a plan to the legislative body of the political subdivision in which the property is located to redevelop that:

(i) describes the taxpayer's proposed redevelopment of the property; in a manner in which the legislative body determines to be in the best interest of the community;

(ii) indicates the sources and amounts of money to be used for the remediation and proposed redevelopment of the property; and

(iii) estimates the value of the remediation and proposed redevelopment.

(D) Certifies to the legislative body that the taxpayer:

(i) has never had an ownership interest in an entity that contributed; and

(ii) has not contributed;

to contamination (as defined in IC 13-11-2-43) that is the subject of the voluntary remediation, as determined under the written standards adopted by the department of environmental management and the Indiana development finance authority.

(2) The legislative body, of the political subdivision in which the property is located, after holding a public hearing of which notice was given under IC 5-3-1, adopts a resolution: under section 7 of this chapter

(A) determining that:

(i) the estimate of the value of the remediation and proposed redevelopment included in the plan under subdivision (1)(C)(iii) is reasonable for projects of that nature; and

(ii) the plan submitted under subdivision (1)(C) is in the best interest of the community;

(B) determining that the taxpayer:

(i) has never had an ownership interest in an entity that contributed; and

(ii) has not contributed;

to contamination (as defined in IC 13-11-2-43) that is the subject of the voluntary remediation, as determined under the written standards adopted by the department of environmental management and the Indiana development finance authority; and

(C) approving the credit.

(3) The department determines under section 15 of this chapter that the taxpayer's return claiming the credit is filed with the department before the maximum amount of credits allowed under this chapter is met.

(b) The redevelopment plan must include a statement of public benefits; which must include the following:

(1) a description of the proposed redevelopment;

(2) An estimate of the number of individuals who will be employed or housed in the new development and an estimate of the annual

1 salaries of the employees.

2 ~~(c)~~ **(b)** In determining whether the redevelopment is in the best
3 interest of the community, the legislative body must consider, among
4 other things, whether the proposed development promotes:

- 5 (1) the development of ~~low to moderate income~~ housing;
- 6 (2) the development of green space;
- 7 (3) the development of high technology businesses; or
- 8 (4) the creation or retention of high paying jobs.

9 SECTION 30. IC 6-3.1-23-11, AS ADDED BY P.L.109-2001,
10 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
11 JANUARY 1, 2004]: Sec. 11. (a) If the amount determined under
12 section 6 of this chapter in a taxable year exceeds the taxpayer's state
13 tax liability for that taxable year, the taxpayer may carry the excess:

- 14 **(1)** over for not more than the immediately following five (5)
15 taxable years; ~~The amount of the credit carryover from a taxable~~
16 ~~year shall be reduced to the extent that the carryover is used by the~~
17 ~~taxpayer to obtain a credit under this chapter for any subsequent~~
18 ~~taxable year.~~

19 ~~(b) A taxpayer is not entitled to a carryback or a refund of any unused~~
20 ~~credit. or~~

- 21 **(2) back to the immediately preceding taxable year.**

22 **(b) The amount of excess available to be used for carryover**
23 **under subsection (a)(1) is reduced to the extent it is used for:**

- 24 **(1) a carryover under subsection (a)(1); or**
- 25 **(2) a carryback under subsection (a)(2).**

26 SECTION 31. IC 6-3.1-23-12, AS ADDED BY P.L.109-2001,
27 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
28 JANUARY 1, 2004]: Sec. 12. (a) To be entitled to a credit under this
29 chapter, a taxpayer must request the department of environmental
30 management and the Indiana development finance authority to
31 determine if costs incurred in a voluntary remediation involving a
32 brownfield are qualified investments.

33 (b) The request under subsection (a) must be made before the costs
34 are incurred.

35 **(c) Upon receipt of a request under subsection (a),** the department
36 of environmental management and the Indiana development finance
37 authority shall: ~~certify costs incurred in a voluntary remediation as a~~
38 ~~qualified investment to the extent that~~

- 39 **(1) examine** the costs
40 ~~(1) result from work performed in Indiana to conduct a voluntary~~
41 ~~remediation under IC 13-25-5 that involves the remediation of a~~
42 ~~brownfield;~~
43 ~~(2) may not be recovered by the taxpayer from another person after~~
44 ~~the taxpayer has made a good faith effort to recover the costs; and~~
45 ~~(3) result in taxable income to any other Indiana taxpayer;~~
46 ~~as determined under the standards adopted by the department of~~
47 ~~environmental management; and~~

- 48 **(2) certify any costs that the department and the authority**
49 **determine to be a qualified investment.**

50 (d) Upon completion of a voluntary remediation ~~that has for which~~
51 **costs have** been certified as a qualified investment under subsection

(c), the taxpayer:

(1) shall notify the department of environmental management; and
 (2) ~~shall request certification of the completion of the voluntary remediation from the department of environmental management:~~

(A) with respect to voluntary remediation conducted under IC 13-25-5, the certificate of completion issued by the commissioner under IC 13-25-5-16 for the voluntary remediation work plan under which the costs certified under subsection (c)(2) were incurred; or

(B) with respect to voluntary remediation not conducted under IC 13-25-5, a certification of the costs incurred for the voluntary remediation that are consistent with the costs certified under subsection (c)(2).

SECTION 32. IC 6-3.1-23-13, AS ADDED BY P.L.109-2001, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2004]: Sec. 13. (a) To receive the credit provided by this chapter, a taxpayer must claim the credit on the taxpayer's state tax return or returns in the manner prescribed by the department **of state revenue.**

(b) The taxpayer shall submit the following to the department of state revenue:

(1) The certification of the qualified investment by the department of environmental management and the Indiana development finance authority ~~and under section 12(c) of this chapter.~~

(2) Either:

(A) an official copy of the certification of the completion of the voluntary remediation by the department of environmental management referred to in section 12(d)(2)(A) of this chapter; or

(B) the certification issued by the department of environmental management in response to a request under section 12(d)(2)(B) of this chapter.

~~(2)~~ **(3)** Proof of payment of the certified qualified investment.

~~(3)~~ **(4)** ~~A copy of the legislative body's approval of the credit:~~
resolution adopted under section 5(a)(2) of this chapter.

~~(4)~~ **(5)** Information that the department determines is necessary for the calculation of the credit provided by this chapter.

SECTION 33. IC 6-3.1-23-16, AS ADDED BY P.L.109-2001, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2004]: Sec. 16. A tax credit may not be allowed under this chapter for a taxable year that begins after December 31, ~~2003~~
2005. However, this section does not affect the ability of a taxpayer to carry forward the excess of a tax credit claimed for ~~a taxable years~~
~~2002 or 2003 year that begins before January 1, 2006,~~ under section 11 of this chapter.

SECTION 34. IC 36-2-9-20, AS ADDED BY P.L.178-2002, SECTION 115, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 20. The county auditor shall:

(1) maintain an electronic data file of the information contained on the tax duplicate for all:

- (A) parcels; and
 - (B) personal property returns;
- for each township in the county as of each assessment date;
- (2) maintain the file in the form required by:
 - (A) the legislative services agency; and
 - (B) the department of local government finance; and
 - (3) transmit the data in the file with respect to the assessment date of each year before ~~October 1~~ **March 1** of the **next** year to:
 - (A) the legislative services agency; and
 - (B) the department of local government finance.

SECTION 35. THE FOLLOWING ARE REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2004]: IC 6-3.1-23-7; IC 6-3.1-23-8; IC 6-3.1-23-9; IC 6-3.1-23-10.

SECTION 36. 1814-2003, SECTION 42, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: SECTION 42. (a) The following, all as amended by this act, apply only to property taxes first due and payable after December 31, 2004:

- (1) IC 6-1.1-12.1-4.5.
- (2) IC 6-1.1-12.1-4.6.
- (3) IC 6-1.1-12.1-5.4.
- (4) IC 6-1.1-12.1-5.8.
- (5) IC 6-1.1-12.1-5.9.
- ~~(6) IC 6-1.1-18.5-13;~~
- ~~(7) (6) IC 36-8-19-8.5.~~

(b) This SECTION expires January 1, 2006.

SECTION 37. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003] **(a) Notwithstanding IC 6-1.1-5.5-4(a), a person filing a sales disclosure form under IC 6-1.1-5.5 with respect to a sale of real property that occurs:**

- (1) after December 31, 2003; and**
- (2) before January 1, 2006;**

shall pay a fee of ten dollars (\$10) to the county auditor.

(b) Notwithstanding IC 6-1.1-5.5-4(b) and IC 6-1.1-5.5-12(d), fifty percent (50%) of the revenue collected under:

- (1) subsection (a); and**
- (2) IC 6-1.1-5.5-12;**

for the period referred to in subsection (a) shall be deposited in the county sales disclosure fund established under IC 6-1.1-5.5-4.5. Ten percent (10%) of the revenue shall be transferred to the treasurer of state for deposit in the assessment training fund established under IC 6-1.1-5.5-4.7. Forty percent (40%) of the revenue shall be transferred to the treasurer of state for deposit in the state general fund.

(c) The department of local government finance may provide training of assessment officials and employees of the department through the Indiana chapter of the International Association of Assessing Officers on various dates and at various locations in Indiana.

(d) This SECTION expires January 1, 2007.

SECTION 38. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003] **(a) IC 6-1.1-12.1-11.3 and IC 6-1.1-18.5-13, both as amended by this act, apply only to property taxes first due and payable after December 31, 2003.**

- 1 **(b) This SECTION expires January 1, 2005.**
- 2 SECTION 39. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003] **(a) IC 6-1.1-12.1-5.4,**
- 3 **as amended by this act, applies only to property taxes first due and**
- 4 **payable after December 31, 2004.**
- 5 **(b) This SECTION expires January 1, 2006.**
- 6 SECTION 40. [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2004] **(a) The following,**
- 7 **all as amended by this act, apply only to taxable years beginning**
- 8 **after December 31, 2003:**
- 9 **(1) IC 6-3.1-23-3.**
- 10 **(2) IC 6-3.1-23-5.**
- 11 **(3) IC 6-3.1-23-11.**
- 12 **(4) IC 6-3.1-23-12.**
- 13 **(5) IC 6-3.1-23-13.**
- 14 **(6) IC 6-3.1-23-16.**
- 15 **(b) IC 6-3.1-23-1.5 and IC 6-3.1-23-3.5, both as added by this act,**
- 16 **apply only to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2003.**
- 17 **(c) This SECTION expires January 1, 2004.**
- 18 SECTION 41. **An emergency is declared for this act.**
 (Reference is to EHB 1714 as reprinted March 28, 2003.)

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